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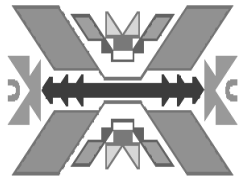
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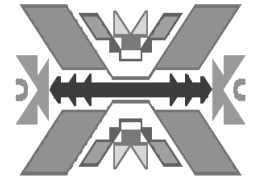
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Greetings From New Director Linda V. Parker, J.D.



I would like to begin my inaugural message by first extending my deepest gratitude to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC) for their unanimous support in selecting me as the director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR). I am both humbled and honored by the Commission's confidence in me, and support of my ability and commitment to advance the cause of civil rights in Michigan. The advancement and protection of civil rights for the people of the state of Michigan is an awe-inspiring responsibility. I assume this responsibility with due thoughtfulness, aggressiveness, diligence and passion.

As an individual who has labored and advocated to ensure basic human dignities for those facing critical challenges in their own lives, I recognize a moral authority inherent in the obligation and responsibility with which I have been entrusted. Human rights and civil rights are inextricably intertwined in that both seek to ensure equality, opportunity and human dignity for every person. My experience in human rights work has allowed me to witness the isolation and humiliation suffered by homeless families, pregnant teens and new mothers struggling with substance addiction. These experiences of human suffering and despair have nurtured my commitment and strengthened my resolve to help improve the quality of life, and ensure basic human dignities for all people regardless of differences.

Civil rights lay a framework of legal protections of freedom and equality and proscribes the manner in which all people should be valued and treated in our democratic society. Human rights recognizes and speaks to the humanity in each individual and their right to be treated to respect, dignity and hope. It is this blended perspective that will allow me to go forward to aggressively protect the civil rights of the people of Michigan from unlawful discrimination with sensitivity to the human issues that are so inextricably intertwined with our work.

As I look to the future, my vision is premised on the recognition that we in the state of Michigan are facing some of the most important challenges in defending and continuing to define the state's civil rights laws. The economic climate presents the Commission and the Department with significant challenges. With difficult economic times comes an increase in the pressures placed on civil and human services. Also, while the Department and American Indian community have made some strides on issues like the use of mascots in public schools, we all know that there still remain significant challenges ahead.

As the new director, I humbly stand on the shoulders of the civil rights leaders who have come before us in this state and in this nation and commit my mind and heart to aggressively fighting discrimination as it occurs and encourage all of Michigan to embrace principles of equality and the extension of human dignity to all.





Linda V. Parker Appointed Director of MDCR

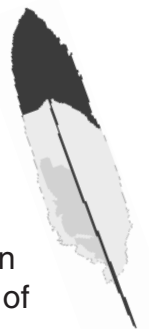


In November 2003, the MCRC announced the appointment of Linda V. Parker as director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR).

“Parker’s volunteer and employment background demonstrates a consistent enthusiasm and devotion to the ideas and practices of diversity, equal opportunity, and protecting those who may be unable to protect themselves,” said Gary Torgow, Commission Chair. “Such a balanced source of experience is critical to the Department of Civil Rights, where the need to aggressively protect Michigan residents from unlawful discrimination must be matched with efforts to encourage all of Michigan to embrace the ideas of diversity and equal opportunity.”

Parker, a Detroit native, is a former partner at the Detroit law firm of Dickinson Wright PLC, where she practiced environmental law. Parker also served as the first Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and as president of the Wolverine Bar Association, an organization consisting primarily of African American attorneys whose mission is to ensure “equal justice for all.” Most recently Parker served as the Director of Development at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Parker received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1980. She earned her Juris Doctor degree in 1983 from the National Law Center at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Parker served for six years as chair of New Steps, an organization committed to providing services for economically disadvantaged new mothers who are in substance abuse recovery. She also volunteered for the Women’s Justice Center providing legal services for physically and emotionally abused women, and with the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. in Washington, D.C., where she worked extensively with teen mothers and children of homeless families.



HUD Report Confirms Housing Discrimination Against American Indians

In September 2003 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a report on the discrimination encountered by American Indians searching for housing to rent in Montana and Minnesota, and rent or purchase in New Mexico. The results are based on testing conducted in 2002 in the eight metropolitan areas of the three states.

The research found that the level of discrimination faced by American Indians in the rental markets of the three states is greater than the national levels of housing discrimination experienced by African American, Latino, Asian and Pacific Islander renters. Discrimination was most observable on measures of availability. White testers were significantly more often told an advertised unit or similar units were available than similarly qualified American Indian testers inquiring about the same advertised unit. As the Department works to eliminate housing discrimination, this report offers invaluable assistance by documenting where and how discriminatory practices take place.

HUD continues to expand efforts to learn more about discrimination, and will continue this report series with a final report on discrimination against persons with disabilities. The findings will enable HUD to devote more attention and enforcement efforts to communities with significant Native American populations in an effort to reduce instances of illegal discrimination. Housing discrimination isn't just unfair, it's against the law. More information can be found at www.huduser.org and the full report can be found directly at: http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/hds_phase3_final.pdf.



Housing Discrimination is ILLEGAL!!
For information call: 1-(800) 482-3604.

Local Housing Agencies:

Greater Lansing Housing Coalition
1017 W. Lapeer St.
Lansing, MI 48915
(517) 372-5980

Partnership for Fair Housing Center of
Southwest Michigan
323 South Burdick
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(616) 276-9100

Flint Area Com. Housing Resources
Board
Post Office Box
Flint, MI 48501-3455
(810) 237-3822

Fair Housing Center of Metro Detroit
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Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 963-1274

Tri County Fair Housing Center
104 N. Washington Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48607
(517) 753-5101

Fair Housing Center of
Greater Grand Rapids
1514 Wealthy S.E. - Suite 226
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 451-2980

Jackson County Fair Housing Center
P.O. Box 102
Jackson, MI 49204
Tele: 517.788.4275

Fair Housing Center of Washtenaw County
P.O. Box 7825
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
(734) 994-3426

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Housing Center
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Flint, MI 48502
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721 Nate Wells Drive
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(616) 927-3544

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1216 Blossom Lane
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Michigan Educational Association Discourages American Indian Mascots

The Michigan Educational Association (MEA) recently passed a resolution, based in part on a previous Michigan Civil Rights Commission resolution, discouraging the use of American Indian mascots, nicknames and logos. A 500 member representative assembly of Michigan teachers passed the resolution.



MEA Resolution

Title:

Use of American Indian Mascots, Nicknames, and Logos

Submitted by Rosa Johnson, Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission

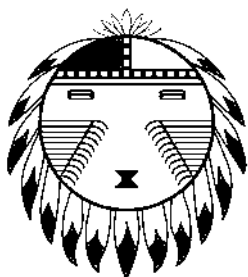
Text of proposal:

The Michigan Education Association believes that people of all cultures, races, and religions have a right to be treated with dignity and respect.

The Association believes it is important that all students learn about the cultural aspects of various communities so that they will understand cultural norms, develop tolerance, respect differences, and become good citizens and productive adults.

The Association recognizes that some American Indian tribes, organizations, state and local officials, and private citizens find the use of American Indian mascots, nicknames, logos, and symbols within our public schools to be offensive, and further find that their use has a detrimental effect on the educational achievement of American Indian students.

The Association supports and strongly recommends the elimination of American Indian mascots, nicknames, logos, fight songs, insignias, antics, and team descriptors by all Michigan schools.



Rationale:

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission and Michigan State Board of Education “encourages all school districts to ensure that instructional materials, course work, policies, and procedures are respectful of cultural differences, enhance cultural competency, and are void of stereotypic language and representations.”

The United States Commission on Civil Rights has called for an end to the use of American Indian images and team names by schools: “Schools should not use their influence to perpetuate misrepresentations of any culture of people. Stereotypes of American Indians teach all students that the stereotyping of minority groups is

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acceptable, a dangerous lesson in such a diverse society.”



The Michigan State Board of Education supports and strongly recommends the elimination of American Indian mascots, nicknames, logos, fight songs, insignias, antics and team descriptors by all Michigan schools.

The use of “Indian” mascots and logos in our school athletic events, as well as in other community activities, contributes to many stereotypes and misperceptions of American Indians. As long as ‘Indian’ team names, mascots and logos remain a part of school athletic programs, we as educators are tolerating and perpetuating racism and stereotyping.

Most communities are proud of their athletic teams, yet school traditions involving Native American imagery typically reflect little pride in or knowledge of Native cultures. These traditions have taken the trappings of Native cultures onto the athletic field where young people have played at being “Indian.”

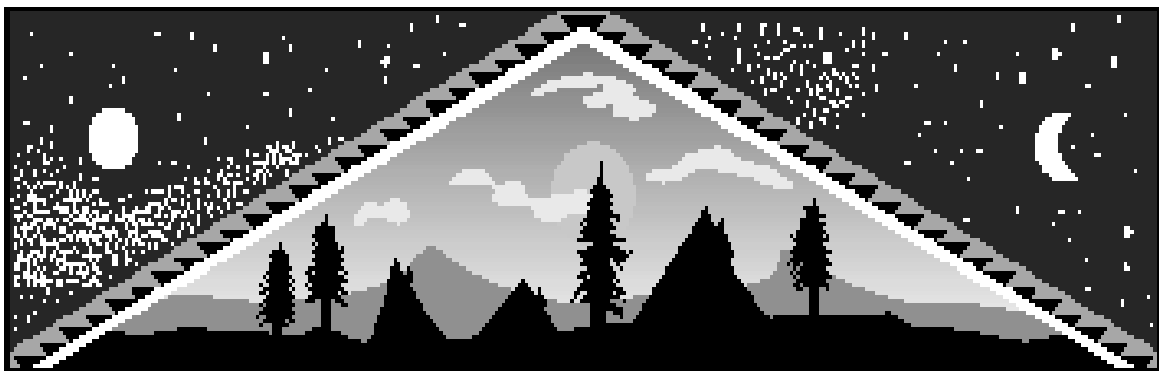
Native people do not feel honored by this symbolism. Instead, they experience it as a mockery of their cultures. Sacred objects that are part of their religion, such as the drum, eagle feathers, face painting and traditional dress, are being used in another culture’s game. This would be similar to depicting the “cross,” for example, at an athletic event.

Depictions of mighty warriors of the past emphasize a tragic part of Native history; focusing on wartime survival. They ignore the strength and beauty of Native American cultures during times of peace.

Native people state that the logos are harmful to their cultures, and especially to their children. When someone tells you that you are hurting him or her by your actions, then the harm becomes intentional if you persist.

MEA has always supported diversity and the appropriate use of terms and materials as it relates to culture. The use of “Indian” mascots, nicknames and logos is inappropriate.

***The Michigan Education Association is aware that some individuals prefer the term Native American. According to the 1995 United States Census Bureau survey, 49 percent of the persons asked preferred American Indian and 37 percent preferred Native American. American Indian is also the term used by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.*



Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance



Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) consists of all the federally recognized Indian Tribes and the Two State Historic Tribes from the state of Michigan. Each Tribe has a designee that represents them and is the voice of their Tribe. The main concern and charge of this alliance is the protection and preservation of all Tribal resources; Past, Present and Future. This includes, but is not limited to: former habitation areas, ancestral burials, associated and unassociated grave goods, and all other traditional cultural properties of sacred and cultural importance.

Our Goals are:

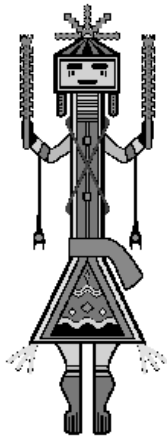
- Facilitating the repatriation of “Ancestral” remains removed from their original burial sites.
- The protection and preservation of all cultural resources on lands within our tribal ancestral and historic territories.
- Education of the public as to the land conservation and protection for future generations.
- Education of private landowners so that they have knowledge to make informed decisions concerning the discovery of Burial sites, funerary objects and artifacts on their private land.
- Providing information to private landowners on the proper way to protect burial sites on their land.
- Providing information on financial programs that are available to protect historic sites.
- Providing information to private landowners on how to respectfully return native ancestors to the tribes

MACPRA Mission Statement:

We, the nations represented by the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Protection and Repatriation Alliance Committee, thankful to the Creator for our sovereign freedom, in order to re-bury ancestors that have been removed from their resting places and are known to us, to bring home to rest all remaining ancestors who have been taken out of their aboriginal homelands and lands known today within the state of Michigan, to defend and protect all indigenous graves; to protect and defend all traditional cultural properties, and to unify ourselves in the pursuit of these goals.



Grand Rapids Summit On Racism



The Racial Justice Institute of the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism (GRACE) will host the sixth annual “Summit On Racism” on Friday, March 26, 2004. The event will be held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is expected to attract more than 600 area businesses, civic, educational and religious leaders.

The summit is organized by the Racial Justice Institute of GRACE and supported by a broad coalition of community groups and individuals. This year’s summit will feature Dr. George “Tink” Tinker as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Tinker is a member of the Osage Nation and is professor of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He is a teacher, pastor, author and “Honorary Advisor” to the International Movement Against all Forms of Discrimination (IMADR), among many other accomplishments.

His message will challenge and inspire. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in dialogue sessions around the topic of racism and also learn how to take action within established action-oriented sectors or on a personal level.

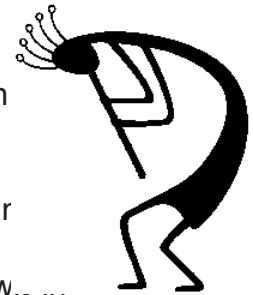
The Racial Justice Institute brings people together to discuss the issues of racism, conducts HIV/AIDS prevention presentations, sponsors youth initiatives on racism and hosts town meetings to create awareness of racism and related issues. The Racial Justice Institute has been consulted by other Michigan communities as they begin to create their own summits on racism.

GRACE, including the Racial Justice Institute, is a religious, nonprofit organization, drawn from participating area congregations whose staff and volunteers provide educational resources and advocacy, opportunities for theological reflection, inter-religious dialogue and ecumenical worship. Grace also provides social justice ministries focused on hunger, HIV/AIDS, racial justice, poverty, restorative justice and transportation.

For more information on the March 26, 2004, Summit on Racism please contact the Racial Justice Institute at (616) 774-2321 or www.graceoffice.org.

Anderson New Head of Bureau of Indian Affairs

David W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, was sworn into his new position on February 23, 2004, immediately promising to work with tribes to improve quality of life and support the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



Anderson, who is known as an entrepreneur, corporate turnaround specialist, cookbook author, motivational speaker and philanthropist, is enrolled member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Superior Band of Ojibwa, ... Wisconsin and part Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. In 1982 Anderson became CEO of the La Courte Oreilles tribal enterprises and during his tenure the revenue growth of the reservation increased from \$3.9 million to \$8.0 million. Anderson is founder and chairman of Famous Dave's of America Inc., a fast growing chain of 87 restaurants across 23 states.

In 1999 Anderson used the proceeds from his award winning cookbook to establish the LifeSkills Foundation for disadvantaged American Indian youth. In 2001, he founded the LifeSkills Center for Leadership, which offers life-changing programs to at-risk American Indian youth and young adults. The LifeSkills Center for Leadership was recognized by Oprah Winfrey, who gave the center a \$25,000 grant.



In 1986 Anderson received a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Throughout the years Anderson has served the public through leadership in several organizations including, the Wisconsin Council on Tourism, the Council on Minority Business Development for the state of Wisconsin and the National Task Force on Reservation Gambling.

Anderson has been chosen for several honors including: Bush Leadership Fellow; Minnesota and Dakota's Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year by the Wall Street firm Ernst & Young, NASDAQ and USA Today; Restaurateur of the Year by Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine and being chosen as an Olympic Torch carrier for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Anderson lives with his wife, Kathryn, in Edina, Minnesota.





Medicare Coverage of Diabetes Supplies and Services

Excerpt from Bay Mills News

Diabetes can cause heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, leg and foot amputations, pregnancy complications, and deaths linked to flu and pneumonia. If you have diabetes it is important to know what diabetes supplies and services are available and what Medicare will help pay for.

Blood sugar (also called blood glucose) self-testing equipment and supplies are covered for all people with Medicare and diabetes, regardless of whether or not you use insulin. These supplies include blood sugar monitors, blood sugar test strips, lancet devices and lancets and glucose control solutions for checking the accuracy of testing equipment and test strips.

If you have diabetes and have Medicare Part B, coverage may also include therapeutic shoes and insulin pumps. Therapeutic shoes covered per calendar year are: one pair of extra depth shoes with three pairs of inserts and one pair of custom-molded shoes (including inserts) with two extra pairs of inserts. Insulin pumps worn outside the body, including the insulin used with the pump, may also be covered for some conditions.

Medicare covers many different services for people with diabetes such as diabetes self management training and medical nutrition therapy services. The self management training will help you learn to successfully manage your diabetes. Foot care services may be covered if you have diabetes-related nerve damage in either of your feet. Medicare will cover one foot exam every six months by a foot care specialist, unless you have seen a foot care specialist for some other problem during the past six months. Medicare may also cover more frequent visits if you have had a non-traumatic amputation (not because of an injury) of all or part of your foot, or if your feet have changed in appearance indicating you may have a foot disease.



Medicare will cover hemoglobin A1c tests, which are lab tests ordered by your doctor to measure how well your blood sugar has been controlled over the past two to three months. Anyone with diabetes is covered for this test if it is ordered by your doctor. Once a year, Medicare will cover glaucoma screening or diabetic eye disease exams provided by an approved eye doctor. Medicare does not cover eye exams for glasses. With a doctor's referral, Medicare will cover once a year flu shots, provided in the fall or winter, and a pneumococcal pneumonia shot which may only be necessary one-time.

For more information on Medicare go to www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-medicare (1-800-633-4227)

FEDERAL LEGISLATURE

If you would like to obtain additional information, check the following websites:

<http://indiansenate.gov> or <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

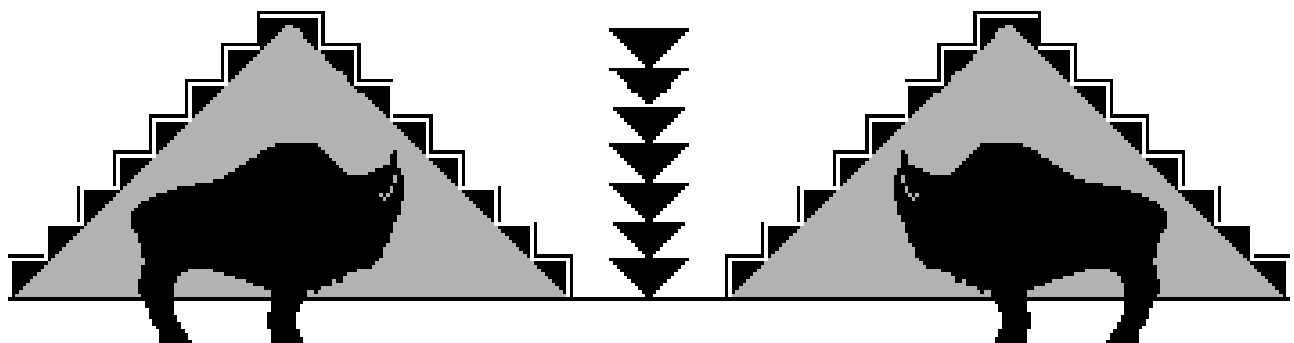
Sponsor	Bill	Purpose
McCain	S175	Indian Trust Asset and Trust Fund Management and Reform Act of 2003. Management trust funds under the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act.
Campbell	S281	Indian Tribal Surface Transportation Improvement Act of 2003. Amends to provide training and technical assistance for commercial vehicle drivers.
Campbell by Tribes.	S285	Authorize consolidation of substance abuse programs provided
Campbell	S288	Encourage contracting by tribes for the management of Federal land.
Campbell	S297	Improve the Bureau of Indian Affairs Federal acknowledgment process.
Daschle/ Camp	S331/ HR443	Amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas.
Daschle/ Hooley	S378/ HR365	Recruit and retain individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.
Bingaman	S424	Establish, re-authorize, and improve energy programs relating to Tribes.
Dodd	S462	Establish procedures for the acknowledgment of Indian tribes.
Dodd	S463	Provide grants to ensure full and fair participation in certain decision-making processes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
Campbell	S519	Native American Capital Formation and Economic Development Act of 2003. Establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to American Indians.
Campbell	S521	Indian Land Leasing Act of 2003. To amend the Act to extend leases of restricted Indian land.
Campbell	S522	Amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Tribes in developing energy resources.

Campbell	S550	American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003. Amend the Act to improve probate of trust and restricted land.
Campbell	S555	Establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation.
Campbell	S556	Amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.
McCain/ Nethercutt	S558/ HR151	Elevate the position Director of the Indian Health Service to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health.
Wilson	S575/ HR2690	Native American Languages Act Amendments Act of 2003 to provide for language survival schools.
Inouye	S578	Amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include Tribal consultation.
Bingaman	S725/ HR2331	Amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to provide for additional funding for Indian reservation roads.
Baucus	S751/ HR2770	Amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to re-authorize and improve the operation of temporary assistance to needy families programs operated by Indian tribes.
Rockefeller	S856	America's Better Classroom Act of 2003. Amend the Internal Revenue Code to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.
Lautenberg	S921	State and Local Reservist First Responders Assistance Act of 2003. Authorize grants to reimburse Indian tribes for costs relating to the mobilization of Reserves who are first responder personnel of tribes.
Allard	S1036	Chronic Wasting Disease Support Act of 2003. Provide for multi-agency effort to research chronic wasting disease and methods to control the spread to deer and elk herds.
Boxer	S1123/ HR2539	Violence Against Children Act of 2003. Provide enhanced Federal assistance in preventing and prosecuting crimes of violence against children.
Johnson	S1126	Establish the Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, to create the Native American Small Business Development Program.
Allard/	S1366/ HR2636	Chronic Wasting Disease Financial Assistance Act of 2003. Authorizes grants to tribal governments.
McCain	S1459/ HR2981	American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act Amendments Act of 2003. Additional reforms.

Bingaman	S1469	Tribal Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership Act. Amend the Head Start Act to provide grants to Tribal Colleges and Universities to increase post-secondary degrees in early childhood education.
Bingaman	S1488	Native American Entrepreneurs Act of 2003. Establish the Native American Entrepreneurs Program and provide \$3,000,000 in grants for training and technical assistance.
Campbell	S1526/ HR1421	Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of tribes as State governments for issuing tax-exempt governmental bonds.
Campbell	S1528	Indian Tribal Development Consolidated Funding Act of 2003. Establish coordination of Federal funds for economic development.
Campbell	S1529	Amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to include provisions relating to the payment and administration of gaming fees.
Daschle	S1540	Indian Trust Payment Equity Act of 2003. To provide for the payment of amounts owed to tribes and individuals.
Johnson	S1542	Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the economic future of Native Americans.
Kennedy	S1563	Amend the National Minority Media Opportunities Act, to include American Indians in broadcast stations used to serve language minorities.
Inouye	S1565	Re-authorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974.
Campbell	S1600	Ensure that Federal Programs provide efficient and effective services to Tribes.
	S1696	Department of Health and Human Services Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2003. Transfer to Tribes the control of certain programs and services.
Campbell	S1770	Provide a voluntary alternative process to reach settlement of Cobell v. Norton.
Johnson	S1802	Amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to improve housing programs.
Bereuter	HR28	American Indian Lands Title Report Commission Corrections Act. Amend section 501 of the Act to provide for the Lands Title Report Commission for Indian trust lands.
Baca	HR167	Recognize and honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans and establish a paid legal public holiday in honor of Native Americans.

Shadegg	HR388	Indian Reservation Jobs and Investment Act of 2003. Amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide tax credits for Indian investment and employment.
Andrews	HR654	Require each agency in the Department of the Interior to consider whether actions have any disparate impact on a racial, ethnic, or religious minority.
Miller	HR831	Provide approve settlement of land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.
Menendez	HR918	Authorize the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Cancer Institute, and the Indian Health Service to make grants for cancer and chronic diseases.
Granger	HR1093	Code Talkers Recognition Act. Authorize the gold medals to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts.
Udall	HR1166	Amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members.
Faleomavaega	HR1190	Amend title 38, USC, to extend guaranteed housing Native American veterans.
Conyers	HR1223	Create a commission on Internet gambling licensing and regulation.
Pallone	HR1246	Native Act to Transform Imagery in Various Environments. Authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to assist schools to discontinue use of a derogatory or discriminatory name or depiction as a team name, mascot, or nickname.
DeGette	HR1916	Diabetes Prevention Access and Care Act to promote and improve the care of individuals with diabetes for the reduction of health disparities.
Rahall	HR2419	Native American Sacred Lands Act to protect sacred Native American land from significant damage.
Young	HR2440	Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2003. Improve the services and facilities health programs.
McIntyre	HR2484	Native American Education Equity Act of 2003. Establish assistance programs to institutions of higher education.
Crane	HR2675	Amend the Internal Revenue Code treat tribes the same as State governments.

Young	HR2750	Make technical amendments to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.
Dingell	HR2793	Provide for land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
Udall	HR 2983	Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2003. Amend title 38 USC, for Indian tribal organizations for grants for veterans cemeteries on trust lands.
Renzi	HR3504	Amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education.
Shays	HR3745	Amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to require State legislature approval of new gambling facilities and to provide for minimum requirements for Federal regulation of Indian gaming.
Pombo	HR3846	Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land.



STATE LEGISLATURE

If you would like to obtain additional information, check the following website:
www.michiganlegislature.org.

Sponsor	Bill	Purpose
Gilbert/Ward	SB164/ HB4292	Implements provisions from the State/Tribal Tax Agreements.
Goschka	SB165	
Van Woerkom	SB208	
Patterson	SB216	
Switalski/Sak	SB322/ HB4412	Appropriations for community and junior colleges for fiscal year 2003-2004, including funding for Michigan Tuition Waiver program.
Thomas III	SB335	Provides for law enforcement training, and mandates officers and cross-deputized tribal officers to attend racial diversity courses.
Emerson/ Bieda	SB408/ HB4556	Winnings from a casino or racetrack are to be included as taxable income. Amends sec. 110 of 1967 PA 281 (MCL206.110).
Cropsey	SB452	Legislative approval of a compact with an Indian tribe that includes a provision allowing for gambling.
Patterson	SB892	Personal protection order effective and enforceable anywhere within state when signed by Judge, including on tribal lands by tribal enforcement officers.
Wojno	HB4066	Provides for personal protection orders, and issuance of after one incident of stalking and enforcement by tribal courts.
Kolb Johnson	HB4423 SB283	Appropriations for the family independence agency for the fiscal year 2003-2004 funding for 50% foster care costs.
Tobocman	HB4485	Creates a Michigan land bank for receiving tax reverted property and other property for economic development, except casinos.
Shaffer	HB4512	Income tax credit for caring for senior citizen in home.
Steve Bieda	HB4556	Amends the Income Tax Act to include in the taxable income of nonresidents casino winnings.
Woodward	HB4672	Provides a personal income tax exemption for foster children.
Fulton Sheen	HB5189	Provides for the manner of approval of compacts made between Michigan and Tribes and prohibits the construction and operation of casinos on certain land.



Michigan Indian Quarterly Pow Wow & Events Schedule 2004



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
March 6-7	27th Annual Mid-Winter Owosso, MI Pow Wow	Baker College Sponsored by Great Lakes Indian Culture Association. Contact John Durnian @ 313/383-9442
March 18-20	MI Indian Education Council	Sault Ste. Marie, MI Kewadin Program at www.miec.org. Contact Sharon Kota @810/989-2727
March 20-21	MSU Pow Wow	East Lansing, MI Jennison Field House, MSU Contact Naiso 517/432-7153
March 20-21	12th Annual Learning To Walk Together Pow Wow	Marquette, MI Northern Michigan University, Vandament Arena Contact Molly Meshigaud 906/227-1397
March 26	Summit on Racism 2004	Grand Rapids, MI Calvin College, 3201 Burton SE Register online @ www.graceoffice.org or call 616/774-2321
March 27-28	32nd Annual "Dance for Mother Earth" Pow Wow	Ann Arbor, MI Sponsored by University of Michigan Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs Contact 734/647-6999
April 3-4	Great Lakes Reunion Traditional Pow Wow	Kalamazoo, MI Western Michigan University, University Arena Contact Michael Robertson 269/387-7729
April 5	R. Carlos Nakai, William Eaton & Will Clipman on Stage in Midland	Midland, MI Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W St. Andrews Call Creative Spirit Center 989/837-1885
April 17-18	North American Indian Art & Craft Market	Detroit, MI North American Indian Center of Detroit, Inc. 2270 22720 Plymouth Road. Contact Euphemia "Sue" Parish 313/535-2966
May 1, 2004	American Indian Festival	Algonac, MI Algonac Elementary School, 1300 St. Clair Sponsored by American Indian Communities Leadership Council. Contact Sharon Kota 810/989-2727
May 29-30	Gissiwias Creek 13th Annual Veterans Memorial Pow Wow	Marion, MI Sponsored by End of the Trail, 13819 Fifth Avenue Contact Bruce or Rose 616/878-9443
May 29-31	22nd Annual May Pow Wow	Hilliard, OH Sponsored by Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio, Franklin County Fairgrounds - exit 13 off I-270 Contact NAICCO at 614/443- 6120
June 4-6	3rd Annual Walking In A Good Way Pow Wow	South Haven, MI Michigan Fly Wheelers Camp Ground on 68th Street Contact Sue Rodriguez 269/926-2792
June 12-13	25th Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires Traditional Pow Wow	Grand Rapids, MI Sponsored by Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians & Grand Rapids Parks/Recreation Dept. Riverside Park on Monroe Avenue (north of downtown). Contact Joe Leo 616/458-8759, fax 616/458-9039.
June 18-20	5th Annual Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow	Lansing, MI Louis Adado Riverfront Park, Sponsored by Native American Arts and Crafts Council. Contact Robin or Eva Menefee 517/393-7236 or riverbankpowwow@yahoo.com



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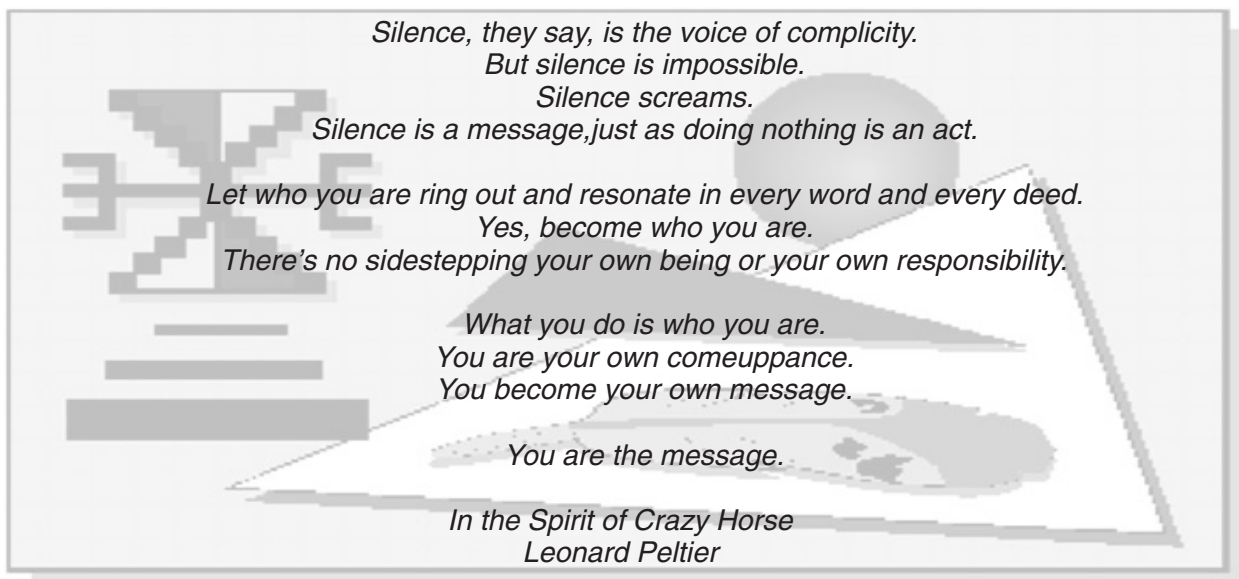
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June 18-20	American Indian Education Center's 10th Annual Competition and Pow Wow	Cleveland, OH Starts with concert at Edgewater Park. Free parking, please bring lawn chair. Contact AIECI 216/351-4488
June 18-20	Mackinaw Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians Pow Wow	Mackinac Island, MI Sponsored by Mackinaw Band of Chippewa & Ottawa Indians. Contact John Causley, Jr. 906/484-2098
June 19-20	Restoring the Circle Through The Buffalo	Lowell, MI Lowell Fairgrounds Sponsored Grand Valley American Indian Lodge. Contact Lori Shustha 616/ 364-4697
June 26-27	Tecumseh 3rd Annual Pow Wow	Tecumseh, MI Calzorn Park, 300 West Russell Road Contact Todd Harder 517/605-9319
July 3-4	10th Annual Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Pow Wow	Manistee, MI Pow Wow Grounds , corner of US-31 and M-22. Contact Phil Nemberto, Art deBres or Nancy at 888/723-8288 or e-mail at cpc@lrboi.com.
July 10-11	3rd Annual Wellness/ Sobriety Trad'l Pow Wow	Athens, MI Hosted by Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi. Contact Terry Chivis 269/729-9436 or Ozzie Osborn 269/781-7871, or online NHBP Cultural @voyager.net
July 17-18	8th Annual Sugar Island Traditional Pow Wow	Sugar Island, MI Take ferry from Sault Ste. Marie. Contact Cecil Pavlat 906/632-7480 or Richard Lee 906/635-1955
July 31, Aug1-2	Wikwemikong Annual Cultural Festival	Manitoulin Island, Ontario Canada Sponsored by the Community of the Wikewemikong and Wikwemikong Heritage Organization. Contact Cultural Programmer 705 /859-2385
July 24-25	Hessel Native American Community Days	Hessel, MI Sponsored by Native American Society for Historical Preservation. Call Dianne Yarnell 906/647- 2694
Aug 3 - 9	Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall	White Cloud, MI Sponsored by the City Contact Gene Reid 231/689-0344
Aug 7 - 8	Purple Heart Pow Wow	White Cloud, MI Sponsored by White Cloud Chamber of Commerce at James Street. Contact Gene Reid 231/689-0344
Aug 14-15	10th Annual Blue Water Indian Celebration - Traditional Pow Wow	Port Huron, MI Sponsored by Port Huron Museum at Pine Grove Park. Featuring Mexico City Aztecs Exhibition Dancers. Contact Anna Garrett 810/982-0891
Aug 14-15	28th Annual Leonard J. Pamp Pow Wow	Union City, MI Turtle Creek Resort Contact Julie Snyder 517/622-1206
Aug 20-22	Annual Peshawbestown Traditional Pow Wow	Peshawbestown, MI Sponsored by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians. Contact Steve Ferinas, Pow Wow Chairman 231/271-7073



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Aug 23-25	Hessel Native American Community Days/ Mini Pow Wow	Hessel, MI At the Marina in downtown Hessel Contact John Dutcher 906/632-7480
Aug 27-29	7th Annual Rapid River Traditional Anishnabeg	Rapid River, MI Hiawatha National Forest Sponsored by Rapid River Anishnabeg. Contact Larry Godfrey 906/235-1812 or Mary 734/623-0686
Sept 3 - 5	3rd Annual Great North Winds Honor Our Warrior Pow Wow	Manistique, MI Pines Park (next to airport) Contact John 906/359-4645
Sept 4- 5	Michinemackinong Traditional Pow Wow	St. Ignace, MI Carp River, Sponsored by Michinemackinong Pow Wow Committee, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa at St. Ignace. Contact Kathleen McNeely 906/643-1144 or 906/863-9831
Sept 11-12	Benzie Pow Wow (Future Generations)	Benzonia, MI 7182 Hoadley Road Sponsored by Grand Traverse Band, Benzonia Members. Contact Patricia 231/882-1383 or Tammy 231/325-5749
Sept 11-12	GVAIL 43rd Annual Pow Wow	Grand Rapids, MI Riverside Park, Sponsored by Grand Valley American Indian Lodge Contact Lorie Shustha 616/364-4697
Sept 18-19	Frank Bush Memorial Walk in the Spirit Pow Wow	Hastings, MI Historic Charlton Park Contact Anne Bush 269/945-3435 or Valerie Allmon 616/633-6905 Website www.walk-in-the-spirit.com
Oct 16-17	11th Annual Land of Falling Waters Traditional Pow Wow	Jackson, MI Parkside Middle School Sponsored by NASCO Movement. For more information call Linda Cypret 269/381-6409 or Heather Miller 517/768-8018



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